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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet zone)

REPORT NO. 25X1A

TOPIC Soviet Motor Vehicle Repair Shop and Spare Parts Depot in Finow

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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1. During the period from early April to early May 1951, [REDACTED] the motor vehicle repair shop was located in the former Altwerk north of the Finow Canal, east of Max Hesse Strasse. An estimated 150 workers were employed in the repair shop. Ten NCOs were assigned to the spare parts depot. (1) Approximately 20 officers including eight majors were assigned to the installation. Major Rukhin, (fnu), is believed to be the chief of the spare parts depot. Major Kubatkin, (fnu), chief or administrative officer of the repair shop. (2)

2. On 5 April 1951, about 75 motor vehicles including 45 damaged ones were observed [REDACTED] in the area of the repair shop. [REDACTED] 25X1B
On 23 April, the newly painted trucks [REDACTED] 25X1B were picked up by a senior lieutenant and two EM. On 25 April, a major and four EM of a motor transport unit picked up spare parts in truck [REDACTED] 25X1B
Some of these trucks had come to pick up spare parts, some of them were under repair. [REDACTED] 25X1B which was observed continuously at the installation, allegedly belongs to the repair shop. (3)

3. Stocks of spare parts observed in sheds 3a and 3b during the period from 2 to 5 April 1951 included approximately 150 front and rear axles for trucks and jeeps, 40 to 50 steering wheels, approximately 400 oil filters, 40 to 50 boxes with carburetors including downdraft carburetors and two types of Solex carburetors, about 200 radiator covers for Dodge, Chevrolet and ZIS truck and jeeps, 200 to 250 crank shafts wrapped in oil paper, about 50 boxes each containing 10 clutches, clutch disk and clutch lockings, 150 to 200 rims of sizes 6.50, 7.00 and 7.50, approximately 1,000 new tires of sizes 6.50, 7.00 and 7.50, in addition to truck windows, various spring leaves, cogwheels for gear assemblies, bolts, and several types of radiators. All the spare parts were greased and stored on shelves. Three hundred used tires were observed in shed No 2.

4. On 11 May 1951, a railroad car loaded with new rims for the spare parts depot arrived at the Finow railroad station. As could be seen from the bill of lading the shipment was dispatched [REDACTED]. (4)

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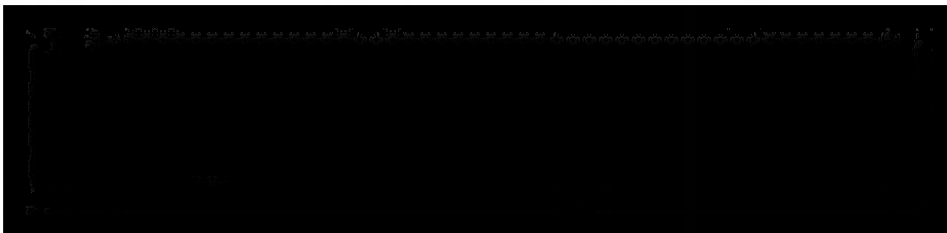
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Comments.

- (1) Confirms the motor vehicle repair shop with spare parts depot of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in the area of the former Iron Works Kirsch. For sketch of the installation, see Annex 1.
- (2) The two officers are reported for the first time.
- (3) The motor vehicles observed on 5 and 23 April 1951 belong to headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army; the truck observed on 25 April belonged to the AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army; and of the trucks observed during the period from 6 to 11 May, 7 belonged to headquarters units, 1 to the AAA division, and 2 to the 6th Gds Mecz Div, all of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.
- (4) [REDACTED] probably confused with [REDACTED] which belongs to the 25X1B repair shop of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Finow; [REDACTED] 25X1B belongs to a unit of the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army; [REDACTED] first observed in October 1949 on documents found in the Soviet settlement in Finow; [REDACTED] probably belongs to a supply unit in the Eberswalde area; [REDACTED] 25X1B could not be identified.

1 Annex

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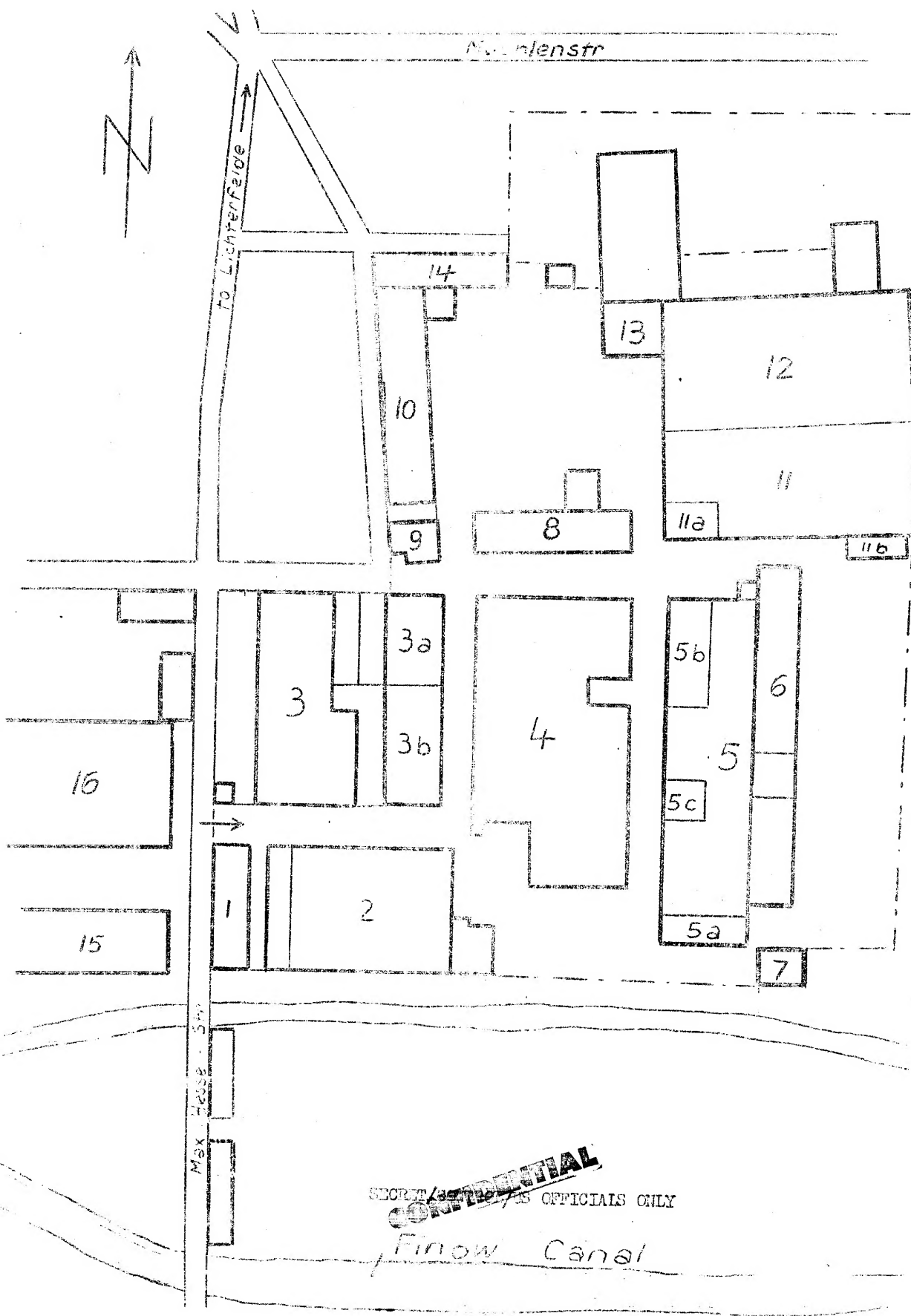
Legend of Annex 1 to LGL - 14213

- 1 Former house, about 25x5 meters, used as an administration building
- 2 Permanent building, about 50x25 meters, used as a garage for approximately 10 trucks
- 3 Permanent building, about 50x40 meters, spare parts depot
- 3a Motor assembly shop
- 3b Workshop with about 35 metal-working machines
- 4 Permanent building, about 30x40 meters, motor vehicle assembly shop, harness shop, carpenter shop, forge and vulcanizing shop
- 5 Permanent building, about 120x30 meters, motor vehicle repair shop. About 40 trucks were once seen being repaired there
- 5a Motion picture theater
- 5b Motor storage
- 5c Library
- 6 EM quarters, permanent building, about 120x7 meters
- 7 Gasoline dump, permanent building with a floor space of 60 square meters
- 8 Garage for vehicles of the repair shop, 40x8 meters
- 9 Storage facilities, empty
- 10 Permanent building about 40x12 meters with a corrugated sheet-metal roof, firewood and timber storeroom
- 11 and 12 Adjacent sheds, about 50x60 meters
- 11 Sealed, no details available
- 11a Motor vehicle paint shop
- 11b Class room for technical instructions, with a floor space of about 80 square meters
- 12 Kitchen and mess rooms
- 13 Ration supply dump and mess rooms
- 14 First aid station
- 15 Storage of unusable motor vehicle parts, brick building, about 60x8 meters
- 16 Storage of lumber, iron and motor vehicles to be sold to nationalized Soviet Zone enterprises, a permanent building about 20x30 meters.

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Layout Sketch of Soviet Motor Vehicle Repair Shop in Finow



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